

REMARKS

1. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Soref et al. (U.S. 5,548,128) in view of Yoshida (US 2002/0136932). Applicants traverse this rejection but have nonetheless canceled the claims to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to refile canceled claims 13-15 in a continuing application.

2. Allowed Claims

The Patent Office has indicated that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-12 and 17-30 are allowed.

Conclusion

Based on all of the above, the Applicants believe the claims are now allowable. If there are any questions or comments regarding this response, the Patent office is encouraged to contact the undersigned agent as indicated below.

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